

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 7, 2007. Applicants have provided the correct status identifier of "Previously presented" for claims 1, 3-8, reflecting the amendments (to correct minor informalities) made in the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 23, 2004. The claims also now reflect such minor corrections, as well as the amendments made in the Responses filed on January 8, 2007 and July 9, 2007.

It is respectfully requested that entry of the Preliminary Amendment be confirmed in the next Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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